



*Beloved,
if our heart does not condemn us,
we have confidence before God;*

1 John 3:21

Good morning and Welcome to Worship!

Christ is Risen! This is Good Shepherd Sunday! Today we continue our theme "All So Wonderfully True!" In Jesus we have a Good Shepherd who leads us and protects us every day. The book of 1st John reminds us that our confidence is not in ourselves, but in Him. Our sermon title is, "Confidence in Him!"



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Sunday, April 21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday
10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

Michael VanBemmelen

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Time of Praise & Worship

Opening Medley

"Build My Life"

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You**

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You**

**(CHORUS) Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You**

**Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You (CHORUS)**

**(BRIDGE) I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (REPEAT BRIDGE)**

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"Your Name"

**As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name**

**(CHORUS) *Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name***

**Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name (CHORUS)**

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Invocation & Psalm of the Day

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

P: Welcome, in the name of the Lord! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: The Lord's my shepherd, I shall not want.

Psalm 23

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

P: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

***Women and Girls: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,***

Men and Boys: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Women and Girls: You anoint my head with oil;

Men and Boys: My cup overflows;

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Our Good Shepherd invites us to come to Him, to confess our sin and brokenness in our lives, so that we may receive His forgiveness, comfort, and strength for our lives. Please join me as we confess together beneath the cross.

(We pause to silently confess our sins to God)

P: Good Shepherd,

All: Please forgive us for our sins of thought, word, and action, including both the things we have done against your will, and those we have left undone. Forgive our reluctance to listen to Your voice and wisdom instead of the voices of the world. So often we wander off away from You. In addition, please forgive our lack of love for one another, because we know that you have commanded us to reach out in love to all people. Please send us the Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith, so that we may overcome the temptations of the devil, and this dark world. In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

P: The voice of our Good Shepherd has great power and continues to speak loud and clear today. Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd is also the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Thank You Lord, for Your powerful grace and compassion! Amen!

Song of Praise

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are You Lord

***(CHORUS 1) It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only You***

**You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord**

***(CHORUS 2) It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only***

***(CHORUS 1) It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only You***

***(BRIDGE) And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord (SING BRIDGE 3 TIMES)***

***(CHORUS 1) It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only You***

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Opening Prayer

P: Please pray with me...Gracious and Merciful God, we are so thankful that You inspired the apostles to record the accounts we have in your Word.

We not only have your Word to read and study, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to counsel us and give us wisdom and peace. As we join in worship today through prayer, song, and the Word, help us to be attentive to the saving power of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, in whom we have full confidence. We pray that we may clearly hear the Word with our ears and in our heart as well.

All: In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

The Apostle John writes through inspiration about the confidence we have in God, as we believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Song of Praise

"Goodness of God"

**I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**(CHORUS) All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

**I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (CHORUS)**

**(BRIDGE) Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (REPEAT BRIDGE)**

(CHORUS TWICE)

I will sing of the goodness of God

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Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus now describes that He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament promise of the Good Shepherd.
He lays down His life for the sheep, only to take His life up again.

P: The Holy Gospel is from St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Paul Appold

Sermon Song

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

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Sermon

"Confident in Him"

1 John 3:16-24 & John 10:11-18

Offering

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Prepare

P: Blessed are you, Holy Father. Out of tremendous love, you sent Jesus who laid down his life for the sins of all people. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and washes each of us clean to give us all hope for the future.

C: It is in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, that we are forgiven, healed, and restored forever.

P: We are deeply thankful for what Jesus has done for us and now we receive Holy Communion in remembrance of this mighty sacrifice.

All: We believe that Christ is truly present in this sacrament, by giving us His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under this bread and wine, so that we are strengthened for the journey ahead.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

(We share God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.)

Communion Songs

"Jesus Messiah"

**He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing**

**(CHORUS) *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all***

**His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing (CHORUS)**

**(BRIDGE) *All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world (CHORUS)***

**(ENDING) *Jesus Messiah, Lord of all
The Lord of all, The Lord of all***

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Dismissal Blessing

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be a source of strength and hope for the future.

All: We are renewed and strengthened for the days ahead.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Song

"Everlasting God"

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord**

**(PRE-CHORUS) Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

**(CHORUS) You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles (REPEAT ALL)**

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